



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Hughes *et al.*

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(as amended)

Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action dated October 31, 2006 ("the Office Action"), Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. It is respectfully believed that entry and consideration of this Reply is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.111, as this submission is being filed in response to a non-final office action. This Reply is provided in the following format:

- (A) Each section begins on a separate sheet;
- (B) Starting page 3 of this paper, a complete listing of all of the claims:
 - a. in ascending order;
 - b. with status identifiers; and
- (C) Starting on page 6 of this paper, the Remarks.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned

under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.